

NONRATIONAL SYMPLECTIC TORIC CUTS

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Abstract

In this article we extend cutting and blowing up to the nonrational symplectic toric setting. This entails the possibility of cutting and blowing up for symplectic toric manifolds and orbifolds in nonrational directions.

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Introduction

Symplectic blowing up was introduced by Gromov [7] and later developed, from different points of view, by McDuff [12] and Guillemin–Sternberg [9]. The symplectic cutting procedure, which was introduced by Lerman in [10], is an important generalization of the symplectic blowing up construction; it relies on the connection between blow-ups and symplectic reduction that was established by Guillemin–Sternberg in [9].

We recall that, by the Atiyah, Guillemin–Sternberg convexity theorem [1, 8], the image of the moment mapping for a Hamiltonian torus action on a compact, connected symplectic manifold is a rational convex polytope, called moment polytope. In this context, cutting the symplectic manifold corresponds to cutting the moment polytope with an appropriate rational hyperplane [10, Remark 1.5].

In the special case of symplectic toric manifolds, that is, when the torus action is effective and the manifold has twice the dimension of the torus, the Delzant theorem [6] establishes a one-to-one correspondence between the manifolds and the moment polytopes. In this case, the cut spaces turn out to be the symplectic toric manifolds corresponding to the cut polytopes. Similar results, due to Lerman and Tolman [11, 10], hold in the case of orbifolds.

One of the remarkable features of the Delzant theorem is that it provides an explicit construction of the symplectic manifold from the polytope, following the same principle that allows to construct a complex toric variety from a fan. When extending the Delzant procedure to *any* simple polytope, the lattice is replaced by a *quasilattice* and rationality is replaced by *quasirationality*. The resulting spaces are typically not Hausdorff: they are modeled by quotients of smooth manifolds by the action of discrete groups¹ [14, 15]. We refer to them as *symplectic toric quasifolds*.

In this article we define symplectic cutting for symplectic toric quasifolds with respect to a quasirational cutting hyperplane and we prove that, as in the classical case, the cut spaces are the symplectic toric quasifolds that correspond to the cut polytopes. We remark that we allow cuts through vertices of the moment polytope:

¹By discrete we mean countable with the discrete topology.

our only requirement is that the cut polytopes have maximal dimension and are simple. Interestingly, this can be done also for symplectic toric manifolds and orbifolds (see Remark 2.6).

As a special case of symplectic cutting we obtain, as in the classical case, blowing up for symplectic toric quasifolds.

Finally, we show that our viewpoint allows us to make sense of cutting and blowing up even if the quasirationality condition on the hyperplane is dropped. In particular, this allows cutting and blowing up for symplectic toric manifolds and orbifolds in nonrational directions.

It will be convenient for us to prove our results in the more general setting of simple pointed polyhedra. A pointed polyhedron is a finite intersection of closed half-spaces that has at least a vertex: it is a convex polytope if, and only if, it does not contain a ray (see [16]).

This article is structured as follows: in Section 1 we adapt to pointed polyhedra the generalized Delzant procedure given in [15]; in Section 2 we define cutting for symplectic toric quasifolds and we prove our main result; in Section 3, as an example, we cut the Penrose kite in half; in Section 4 we discuss symplectic blowing up; finally, in Section 5 we cut and blow up in arbitrary directions.

1 The generalized Delzant procedure

We refer the reader to [15, 4] for the basic definitions and properties of quasifolds. Following Ziegler [16], we say that a subset $\Delta \subset (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ is a *polyhedron* if it is a finite intersection of closed half-spaces. This implies, in particular, that Δ has at most a finite number of vertices. A polyhedron is said to be *pointed* if it has at least a vertex. A pointed polyhedron is a convex polytope if, and only if, it does not contain a ray. As for a convex polytope, an n -dimensional pointed polyhedron is said to be *simple* if each of its vertices is contained in exactly n facets.

A *quasilattice* Q in \mathbb{R}^n is the \mathbb{Z} -span of a set of \mathbb{R} -spanning vectors $Y_1, \dots, Y_d \in \mathbb{R}^n$. A quasilattice is a lattice if, and only if, it is generated by a basis of \mathbb{R}^n . If Q is a quasilattice in \mathbb{R}^n , we say that the quasifold and abelian group $D^n = \mathbb{R}^n/Q$ is a *quasitorus*. As in the standard case, we will call *exponential mapping* the projection $\exp_{D^n}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow D^n$. Notice that D^n is an ordinary torus if, and only if, Q is an ordinary lattice.

Let now $\Delta \subset (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ be an n -dimensional polyhedron having d facets. Then there exist $X_1, \dots, X_d \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\Delta = \bigcap_{j=1}^d \{ \mu \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \mid \langle \mu, X_j \rangle \geq \lambda_j \}. \quad (1)$$

Each of the vectors X_1, \dots, X_d is orthogonal to a facet of Δ and is inward-pointing. We will say that Δ is *quasirational* with respect to the quasilattice Q if the vectors X_1, \dots, X_d can be chosen in Q . If Δ is quasirational with respect to an ordinary lattice, then it is rational in the ordinary sense. Notice that any polyhedron is quasirational with respect to the quasilattice that is generated by a set of d vectors, each of which is orthogonal to one of the d different facets of Δ .

We recall the generalized Delzant procedure for the nonrational setting [15, Theorem 3.3]. The variant presented here is a straightforward extension to the case of pointed polyhedra. This allows a simultaneous treatment of polytopes and of pointed polyhedral cones, the latter being moment map images of equivariant local charts.

Theorem 1.1 *Let Q be a quasilattice in \mathbb{R}^n and let $\Delta \subset (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ be an n -dimensional simple pointed polyhedron that is quasirational with respect to Q . Assume that d is the number of facets of Δ and consider vectors X_1, \dots, X_d in Q that satisfy (1). For each $(\Delta, Q, \{X_1, \dots, X_d\})$, there exists a $2n$ -dimensional symplectic quasifold (M, ω) endowed with the effective Hamiltonian action of the quasitorus $D^n = \mathbb{R}^n/Q$ such that, if $\Phi: M \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ is the corresponding moment mapping, then $\Phi(M) = \Delta$. If Δ is a polytope, then M is compact.*

Proof. Consider the space \mathbb{C}^d endowed with the standard symplectic form $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{j=1}^d dz_j \wedge d\bar{z}_j$ and the standard action of the torus $T^d = \mathbb{R}^d/\mathbb{Z}^d$:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau: \quad T^d \times \mathbb{C}^d &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^d \\ ((e^{2\pi i \theta_1}, \dots, e^{2\pi i \theta_d}), \underline{z}) &\longmapsto (e^{2\pi i \theta_1} z_1, \dots, e^{2\pi i \theta_d} z_d). \end{aligned}$$

This action is effective, Hamiltonian, and its moment mapping is given by

$$\begin{aligned} J: \mathbb{C}^d &\longrightarrow (\mathbb{R}^d)^* \\ \underline{z} &\longmapsto \sum_{j=1}^d |z_j|^2 e_j^* + \lambda, \quad \lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^* \text{ constant.} \end{aligned}$$

The mapping J is proper and its image is the cone $\mathcal{C}_\lambda = \lambda + \mathcal{C}_0$, where \mathcal{C}_0 denotes the positive orthant in the space $(\mathbb{R}^d)^*$. Since Δ is pointed, the linear mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \pi: \mathbb{R}^d &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \\ e_j &\longmapsto X_j \end{aligned}$$

is surjective. Consider the n -dimensional quasitorus $D^n = \mathbb{R}^n/Q$. Then the linear mapping π induces a quasitorus epimorphism $\Pi: T^d \longrightarrow D^n$. Define now N to be the kernel of the mapping Π and choose $\lambda = \sum_{j=1}^d \lambda_j e_j^*$. Denote by i the Lie algebra inclusion $\text{Lie}(N) = \ker(\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ and notice that $\Psi = i^* \circ J$ is a moment mapping for the induced action of N on \mathbb{C}^d . The orbit space $M = \Psi^{-1}(0)/N$ is a symplectic quasifold by [15, Theorem 3.1]; its symplectic form ω is induced from ω_0 . For the construction of an explicit atlas of M , see the proof of [2, Theorem 3.2]. The quasitorus T^d/N acts in a Hamiltonian fashion on the symplectic quasifold $M = \Psi^{-1}(0)/N$. If we identify the quasitori D^n and T^d/N using the epimorphism Π , we get a Hamiltonian action of the quasitorus D^n ; the induced moment mapping is given by

$$\Phi = (\pi^*)^{-1} \circ J \tag{2}$$

and has image equal to $(\pi^*)^{-1}(\mathcal{C}_\lambda \cap \ker i^*) = (\pi^*)^{-1}(\mathcal{C}_\lambda \cap \text{im } \pi^*) = (\pi^*)^{-1}(\pi^*(\Delta))$, which is exactly Δ . This action is effective since the level set $\Psi^{-1}(0)$ contains points of the form $\underline{z} \in \mathbb{C}^d$, $z_j \neq 0$, $j = 1, \dots, d$, where the T^d -action is free. Notice that $\dim M = 2d - 2 \dim N = 2d - 2(d - n) = 2n = 2 \dim D^n$. Finally we remark that

$\Psi^{-1}(0) = J^{-1}(\pi^*(\Delta))$, therefore, if Δ is a polytope, since π^* is injective and J is proper, $\Psi^{-1}(0)$ and thus M are compact. \square

This construction depends on two arbitrary choices: the choice of the quasilattice Q with respect to which the pointed polyhedron is quasirational, and the choice of the inward-pointing vectors X_1, \dots, X_d in Q . We will say that the quasifold M with the effective Hamiltonian action of D^n is the *symplectic toric quasifold* associated to $(\Delta, Q, \{X_1, \dots, X_d\})$. We recall that the case where Q is a lattice and Δ is a rational simple convex polytope was treated by Lerman and Tolman [11], who allowed orbifold singularities and introduced the notion of *symplectic toric orbifold*. Complex toric quasifolds, on the other hand, were introduced and discussed in [2].

Let now $\tilde{Q} \subset Q$ be two quasilattices and assume that Δ is a simple pointed polyhedron that is quasirational with respect to \tilde{Q} . Notice that Δ is quasirational with respect to Q as well. Consider the quasitori $\tilde{D}^n = \mathbb{R}^n/\tilde{Q}$ and $D^n = \mathbb{R}^n/Q$; if Γ is the discrete quotient group $Q/\tilde{Q} = \exp_{\tilde{D}^n}(Q)$, then $D^n \simeq \tilde{D}^n/\Gamma$. Moreover one shows:

Proposition 1.2 *If \tilde{M} and M are the two quasifolds obtained by applying the generalized Delzant procedure to $(\Delta, \tilde{Q}, \{X_1, \dots, X_d\})$ and $(\Delta, Q, \{X_1, \dots, X_d\})$, then $M \simeq \tilde{M}/\Gamma$. Moreover, if we denote by $\tilde{\Phi}$ and Φ the moment mappings corresponding to the actions of \tilde{D}^n and D^n respectively, then the following diagram commutes:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{M} & & \\ \downarrow & \searrow \tilde{\Phi} & \\ & \Delta \subset (\mathbb{R}^n)^* & \\ & \nearrow \Phi & \\ M & & \end{array}$$

Proof. Following the proof of Theorem 1.1, write $\tilde{M} = \tilde{\Psi}^{-1}(0)/\tilde{N}$ and $M = \Psi^{-1}(0)/N$. Notice that $\tilde{\Psi} = \Psi$ and that $N/\tilde{N} \simeq \Gamma$. This implies that $M = \Psi^{-1}(0)/N \simeq (\tilde{\Psi}^{-1}(0)/\tilde{N})/(N/\tilde{N}) \simeq \tilde{M}/\Gamma$. \square

2 Nonrational symplectic cutting

In this section, we extend the cutting procedure to symplectic toric quasifolds. To do so, let us consider an n -dimensional simple pointed polyhedron $\Delta \subset (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ that is quasirational with respect to a quasilattice Q . Write Δ as in (1), with $X_1, \dots, X_d \in Q$ and let M be the symplectic toric quasifold obtained by applying the generalized Delzant procedure to $(\Delta, Q, \{X_1, \dots, X_d\})$. We denote again by Φ the moment mapping for the corresponding D^n -action. Let us now take $Y \in Q$, $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ and let us cut the polyhedron Δ with the hyperplane $H(Y, \epsilon) = \{\lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \mid \langle \lambda, Y \rangle = \epsilon\}$.

Assumption 2.1 *The vector Y and the parameter ϵ are chosen so that*

$$\Delta_{\epsilon+} = \Delta \cap \{\lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \mid \langle \lambda, Y \rangle \geq \epsilon\} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_{\epsilon-} = \Delta \cap \{\lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \mid \langle \lambda, Y \rangle \leq \epsilon\}$$

are n -dimensional simple pointed polyhedra.

We define *symplectic cutting* for toric quasifolds as follows. As a first step we consider the quasicircle subgroup $D^1 \subset D^n$ generated by Y :

$$D^1 = \{ \exp_{D^n}(tY) \in D^n \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

The induced action of D^1 on M is Hamiltonian with moment mapping given by the component $\Phi_Y = \langle \Phi, Y \rangle$. Notice that $D^1 \simeq \mathbb{R}/Q^1$, where $Q^1 = \{ l \in \mathbb{R} \mid lY \in Q \}$ is a quasilattice in \mathbb{R} containing \mathbb{Z} . Let $\Lambda = \exp_{S^1}(Q^1) = \{ e^{2\pi i t} \mid tY \in Q \} \subset S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$; then $D^1 \simeq S^1/\Lambda$. The quotient \mathbb{C}/Λ is a symplectic quasifold.

Remark 2.2 Notice that if Q is an ordinary lattice, and if $Y \in Q$ is not primitive, then Λ is a finite, non-trivial subgroup of S^1 and \mathbb{C}/Λ is an orbifold.

Consider now the two natural actions of D^1 given by:

$$\begin{aligned} D^1 \times \mathbb{C}/\Lambda &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \\ (\exp_{D^1}(t), [z]) &\longmapsto [e^{\mp 2\pi i t} z] \end{aligned}$$

The product $M \times \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ is a symplectic quasifold of dimension $2(n+1)$, endowed with two Hamiltonian effective actions of the quasitorus $D^n \times D^1$. Let us now consider the two corresponding induced actions of D^1 on $M \times \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$; their moment maps are given by $\nu_{\mp}((m, [w])) = \Phi_Y(m) \mp |w|^2$. In agreement with the smooth setting [10], we call *symplectic cutting* the operation that produces the two orbit spaces

$$\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon} = \nu_-^{-1}(\varepsilon)/D^1 \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon} = \nu_+^{-1}(\varepsilon)/D^1.$$

The action of D^n on the first factor of $M \times \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ commutes with the D^1 -action and induces an effective D^n -action on both. We will describe the symplectic toric quasifold structure of the cut spaces explicitly in Theorem 2.3 below. The first step is to apply the generalized Delzant procedure to $\Delta_{\varepsilon+}$ and $\Delta_{\varepsilon-}$. As normal vectors for $\Delta_{\varepsilon+}$ we consider the appropriate subset of X_1, \dots, X_d plus the vector Y . We argue similarly for $\Delta_{\varepsilon-}$, with the vector $-Y$ instead. We thus obtain symplectic toric quasifolds $M_{\varepsilon+}$ and $M_{\varepsilon-}$. Then we have

Theorem 2.3 *There exist D^n -equivariant homeomorphisms*

$$f_+ : M_{\varepsilon+} \rightarrow \overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$$

$$f_- : M_{\varepsilon-} \rightarrow \overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon}.$$

Moreover, $M_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$ and $M_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon}$ naturally inherit symplectic toric quasifold structures from $M_{\varepsilon+}$ and $M_{\varepsilon-}$ respectively.

Proof. We prove the Theorem for $M_{\varepsilon+}$; the other case can be treated in the same way. Let v be a vertex in $\Delta_{\varepsilon+}$ that does not lie in the hyperplane $H(Y, \varepsilon)$. After a possible reordering of the facets, we have $v = \cap_{j=1}^n \{ \lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \mid \langle \lambda, X_j \rangle = \lambda_j \}$ and

$$\Delta_{\varepsilon+} = \left(\cap_{j=1}^l \{ \lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \mid \langle \lambda, X_j \rangle \geq \lambda_j \} \right) \cap \{ \lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \mid \langle \lambda, Y \rangle \geq \varepsilon \},$$

where $l+1$ is the number of facets of $\Delta_{\varepsilon+}$ and $n \leq l \leq d$.

Before we define the mapping $f_+ : M_{\varepsilon^+} \rightarrow \overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$, let us give an explicit description of M and M_{ε^+} . Following the proof of Theorem 1.1, let us consider the projections

$$\begin{aligned} \pi & : \mathbb{R}^d \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ e_j & \longmapsto X_j \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{\varepsilon^+} & : \mathbb{R}^{l+1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ e_j & \longmapsto X_j \quad j = 1, \dots, l \\ e_{l+1} & \longmapsto Y \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Consider $N = \{\exp_{T^d}(X) \in T^d \mid \pi(X) \in Q\}$, $N_{\varepsilon^+} = \{\exp_{T^{l+1}}(X) \in T^{l+1} \mid \pi_{\varepsilon^+}(X) \in Q\}$, and the corresponding moment mappings Ψ and Ψ_{ε^+} . We have that $M = \Psi^{-1}(0)/N$ and $M_{\varepsilon^+} = \Psi_{\varepsilon^+}^{-1}(0)/N_{\varepsilon^+}$. Let us then compute $N, N_{\varepsilon^+}, \Psi$ and Ψ_{ε^+} . The $n \times d$ matrix associated to the projection π with respect to the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^d and the basis $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ of \mathbb{R}^n can be written as (I_n, A) . Similarly, the $n \times (l+1)$ matrix associated to the projection π_{ε^+} with respect to the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^{l+1} and the basis $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ of \mathbb{R}^n can be written as (I_n, A^+) . It will be convenient for us to assume from now on that $n < l < d$; the cases $l=n$ and $l=d$ are simpler and are left to the reader. Then, $A^+ = (A^l, \underline{b})$, where A^l is the $n \times (l-n)$ matrix obtained from A by deleting its last $d-l$ columns and \underline{b} is the column $(b_1, \dots, b_n)^t$, where $Y = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j X_j$. Let us now choose $\{X_{d+1}, \dots, X_q\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n such that $\{X_1, \dots, X_d, X_{d+1}, \dots, X_q\}$ is a set of generators of the quasilattice Q . Let C be the $n \times q$ matrix whose columns are the components of the generators X_j with respect to the basis $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$. Therefore $C = (I_n, A, P)$, for some $n \times (q-d)$ matrix P . Notice now that any element of the quasilattice Q , $\sum_{i=1}^q m_i X_i$, $\underline{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_q) \in \mathbb{Z}^q$, can be written in terms of the basis $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ as $\sum_{j=1}^n (C_j \cdot \underline{m}) X_j$, where $C_j \cdot \underline{m}$ denotes the standard scalar product of the j -th row of C with \underline{m} . We are now ready to compute the group N . The identity $\pi(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \sum_{i=1}^q m_i X_i$ becomes $\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - C_j \cdot \underline{m} + A_j \cdot \underline{x}) X_j = 0$, where $\underline{x} = (x_{n+1}, \dots, x_d)$. Therefore N equals

$$\exp_{T^d} \{(C_1 \cdot \underline{m} - A_1 \cdot \underline{x}, \dots, C_n \cdot \underline{m} - A_n \cdot \underline{x}, \underline{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \underline{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^q, \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d-n}\}. \quad (5)$$

Similarly one shows that the group N_{ε^+} equals

$$\exp_{T^{l+1}} \{(C_1 \cdot \underline{m} - A_1^+ \cdot \underline{x}, \dots, C_n \cdot \underline{m} - A_n^+ \cdot \underline{x}, \underline{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^{l+1} \mid \underline{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^q, \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{l+1-n}\}. \quad (6)$$

where $\underline{x} = (x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{l+1})$. Let us now compute the moment mappings Ψ and Ψ_{ε^+} . The vectors

$$V_j = (a_{1j}, \dots, a_{nj}, 0, \dots, 0, -1, 0, \dots, 0), \quad j = n+1, \dots, d$$

(the 1 here appearing at the j -th place) form a basis for the Lie algebra of N . Similarly, the vectors

$$\begin{cases} V_j^+ &= (a_{1j}, \dots, a_{nj}, 0, \dots, 0, -1, 0, \dots, 0), \quad j = n+1, \dots, l \\ V_{l+1}^+ &= (b_1, \dots, b_n, 0, \dots, 0, -1) \end{cases}$$

form a basis for the Lie algebra of N_{ϵ^+} . Let $\{\alpha_{n+1}, \dots, \alpha_d\}$ and $\{\alpha_{n+1}^+, \dots, \alpha_{l+1}^+\}$ be the respective dual bases. A straightforward computation yields:

$$\Psi(\underline{z}) = \sum_{k=n+1}^d \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{jk}(|z_j|^2 + \lambda_j) - |z_k|^2 - \lambda_k \right) \alpha_k$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{\epsilon^+}(\underline{z}) &= \sum_{k=n+1}^l \left(\sum_{j=1}^n a_{jk}(|z_j|^2 + \lambda_j) - |z_k|^2 - \lambda_k \right) \alpha_k^+ + \\ &+ \left(\sum_{j=1}^n b_j(|z_j|^2 + \lambda_j) - |z_{l+1}|^2 - \epsilon \right) \alpha_{l+1}^+. \end{aligned}$$

From here one derives explicit expressions for M and M_{ϵ^+} . Consider now the mapping

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{f}_+ : \quad & \Psi_{\epsilon^+}^{-1}(0) \longrightarrow \overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \epsilon} \\ & (u_1, \dots, u_{l+1}) \longmapsto [[u_1 : \dots : u_l : w_{l+1} : \dots : w_d] : [u_{l+1}]] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where

$$w_k = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n a_{jk}(|u_j|^2 + \lambda_j) - \lambda_k}.$$

In order to check that the induced mapping $f_+ : M_{\epsilon^+} \rightarrow \overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \epsilon}$ is a well defined D^n -equivariant homeomorphism, it is necessary to write explicitly the action of D^1 on M . The condition $\Pi(\exp_{T^d}(x_1, \dots, x_d)) = \exp_{D^n}(tY)$ yields, for $\underline{x} = (x_{n+1}, \dots, x_d)$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j + A_j \cdot \underline{x}) X_j \simeq tY \pmod{Q};$$

therefore there exists $\underline{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^q$ such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - C_j \cdot \underline{m} + A_j \cdot \underline{x} - tb_j) X_j = 0.$$

Since $\exp_{T^d}(C_1 \cdot \underline{m} - A_1 \cdot \underline{x}, \dots, C_n \cdot \underline{m} - A_n \cdot \underline{x}, \underline{x}) \in N$, the action $D^1 \times M \rightarrow M$ is given by

$$\exp_{D^n}(tY) \cdot [z_1 : \dots : z_d] = \left[e^{2\pi i t b_1} z_1 : \dots : e^{2\pi i t b_n} z_n : z_{n+1} : \dots : z_d \right].$$

Consistently, by (2), the moment mapping ν_- with respect to the D^1 -action on $M \times \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$ has the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_- : \quad & M \times \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^* \\ & ([z_1 : \dots : z_d], [w]) \longmapsto b_1(|z_1|^2 + \lambda_1) + \dots + b_n(|z_n|^2 + \lambda_n) - |w|^2. \end{aligned}$$

We now show that f_+ is injective; showing that it is well-defined and surjective rests on similar arguments. Consider two points $[u_1 : \dots : u_{l+1}]$, $[u'_1 : \dots : u'_{l+1}]$ in M_{ϵ^+} such that $f_+([u_1 : \dots : u_{l+1}]) = f_+([u'_1 : \dots : u'_{l+1}])$. Then

$$[[u_1 : \dots : u_l : w_{l+1} : \dots : w_d] : [u_{l+1}]] = [[u'_1 : \dots : u'_l : w'_{l+1} : \dots : w'_d] : [u'_{l+1}]].$$

Therefore there exists $t \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$([e^{2\pi i t b_1} u_1 : \dots : e^{2\pi i t b_n} u_n : u_{n+1} : \dots : u_l : w_{l+1} : \dots : w_d], [e^{-2\pi i t} u_{l+1}]) = ([u'_1 : \dots : u'_l : w'_{l+1} : \dots : w'_d], [u'_{l+1}]).$$

This equation implies that there exists $\underline{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^q, \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d-n}, \theta \in Q^1$ such that:

$$\begin{cases} e^{2\pi i(C_j \cdot \underline{m} - A_j \cdot \underline{x} + t b_j)} u_j = u'_j & j = 1, \dots, n \\ e^{2\pi i x_j} u_j = u'_j & j = n+1, \dots, l \\ e^{2\pi i x_j} w_j = w'_j & j = l+1, \dots, d \\ e^{2\pi i(\theta - t)} u_{l+1} = u'_{l+1}. \end{cases}$$

This implies that $(x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{Z}^{d-l-1}$, therefore

$$\underline{n} = (m_1, \dots, m_l, m_{l+1} + x_{l+1}, \dots, m_d + x_d, m_{d+1}, \dots, m_q) \in \mathbb{Z}^q$$

and $C_j \cdot \underline{m} - A_j \cdot \underline{x} + t b_j = C_j \cdot \underline{n} - A_j^l \cdot (x_{n+1}, \dots, x_l) + t b_j$. Now consider $s = \theta - t$ and notice that, since $\theta Y \in Q$, there exists $\underline{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^q$ such that $\theta b_j = C_j \cdot \underline{k}$, $j = 1, \dots, n$. Thus we obtain

$$C_j \cdot \underline{m} - A_j \cdot \underline{x} + t b_j = C_j \cdot (\underline{n} + \underline{k}) - A_j^+ \cdot (x_{n+1}, \dots, x_l, s).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{cases} e^{2\pi i(C_j \cdot (\underline{n} + \underline{k}) - A_j^+ \cdot (x_{n+1}, \dots, x_l, s))} u_j = u'_j & j = 1, \dots, n \\ e^{2\pi i x_j} u_j = u'_j & j = n+1, \dots, l \\ w_j = w'_j & j = l+1, \dots, d \\ e^{2\pi i s} u_{l+1} = u'_{l+1}. \end{cases}$$

By (6), we conclude that $[u_1 : \dots : u_{l+1}] = [u'_1 : \dots : u'_{l+1}]$ and thus f_+ is injective. It is straightforward to prove that the map f_+ is continuous. In order to prove that f_+ is open, we consider the quasifold atlas for the toric quasifold $M_{\varepsilon+}$ given in the proof of [2, Theorem 3.2]; its charts, $(U_\mu, \psi_\mu, \tilde{U}/\Gamma_\mu)$, are indexed by the vertices μ of $\Delta_{\varepsilon+}$. Consider one such vertex μ and the corresponding chart

$$\tilde{U}_\mu/\Gamma_\mu \xrightarrow{\psi_\mu} U_\mu \subset M_{\varepsilon+}.$$

It is sufficient to prove that for each μ the mapping $f_+ \circ \psi_\mu$ is open. Consider $[v_1 : \dots : v_n] \in \tilde{U}_\mu/\Gamma_\mu$; we have $\psi_\mu([v_1 : \dots : v_n]) = [u_1(\underline{v}) : \dots : u_{l+1}(\underline{v})]$ where, by the proof of [2, Theorem 3.2], the $u_j(\underline{v})$'s are suitable functions of $\underline{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$. Therefore $(f_+ \circ \psi_\mu)([\underline{v}]) = [[u_1(\underline{v}) : \dots : u_l(\underline{v}), w_{l+1}(\underline{v}) : \dots : w_d(\underline{v})] : [u_{l+1}(\underline{v})]]$. Let W be an open subset in \tilde{U}_μ/Γ_μ and let \tilde{W} the Γ_μ -saturated open subset of \tilde{U}_μ projecting to W . Consider the natural projections $p_1 : \Psi^{-1}(0) \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow (\Psi^{-1}(0)/N) \times (\mathbb{C}/\Lambda)$ and $p_2 : \nu_-^{-1}(\varepsilon) \rightarrow \nu_-^{-1}(\varepsilon)/D^1$. Then the set $f_+ \circ \psi_\mu(\tilde{W})$ is open in $\nu_-^{-1}(\varepsilon)/D^1$, if and only if the set $\widehat{W} = (p_2 \circ p_1)^{-1}(f_+ \circ \psi_\mu(\tilde{W}))$ is open in $(\nu_- \circ p_1)^{-1}(\varepsilon)$. On the other hand, \widehat{W} is the set of points $(z_1, \dots, z_d, w) \in \Psi^{-1}(0) \times \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} z_j = e^{2\pi i(C_j \cdot \underline{m} - A_j \cdot \underline{x} + t b_j)} u_j(\underline{v}) & j = 1, \dots, n \\ z_j = e^{2\pi i x_j} u_j(\underline{v}) & j = n+1, \dots, l \\ z_j = e^{2\pi i x_j} w_j(\underline{v}) & j = l+1, \dots, d \\ w = e^{2\pi i(\theta - t)} u_{l+1}(\underline{v}). \end{cases}$$

with $\underline{v} \in \widetilde{W}$, $(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^{d-n}$, $\underline{m} \in \mathbb{Z}^q$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\theta \in Q^1$. Now observe that, arguing as in the proof of the injectivity of f_+ , we have

$$C_j \cdot \underline{m} - A_j \cdot \underline{x} + tb_j = C_j \cdot (\underline{m} + \underline{k}) - A_j^+ \cdot (x_{n+1}, \dots, x_l, s) - A_j(0, \dots, 0, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d).$$

Setting $\underline{h} = \underline{m} + \underline{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^q$, notice that, by (6),

$$\begin{cases} e^{2\pi i(C_j \cdot \underline{h} - A_j^+ \cdot (x_{n+1}, \dots, x_l, s))} u_j & j = 1, \dots, n \\ e^{2\pi i x_j} u_j & j = n+1, \dots, l \\ e^{2\pi i s} u_{l+1}. \end{cases}$$

describes the action of N_{ε^+} on $[u_1 : \dots : u_{l+1}] \in M_{\varepsilon^+}$. Now recall from (ii) in [2, Lemma 2.3] that $N_{\varepsilon^+} = \Gamma_\mu \exp(\text{Lie}(N_{\varepsilon^+}))$, where the action of $\exp(\text{Lie}(N_{\varepsilon^+}))$ is obtained by setting $\underline{h} = 0$ in the expression above. Since \widetilde{W} is Γ_μ -invariant, the set \widehat{W} is equal to the set of points $(z_1, \dots, z_d, w) \in \Psi^{-1}(0) \times \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} z_j = e^{2\pi i(-A_j^+ \cdot (x_{n+1}, \dots, x_l, s) - A_j(0, \dots, 0, x_{l+1}, \dots, x_d))} u_j(\underline{v}) & j = 1, \dots, n \\ z_j = e^{2\pi i x_j} u_j(\underline{v}) & j = n+1, \dots, l \\ z_j = e^{2\pi i x_j} w_j(\underline{v}) & j = l+1, \dots, d \\ w = e^{2\pi i s} u_{l+1}(\underline{v}). \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

where $\underline{v} \in \widetilde{W}$, $(x_{n+1}, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^{d-n}$ and $s \in \mathbb{R}$. Therefore \widehat{W} is open since it is the image of $\widetilde{W} \times \mathbb{R}^{d-n} \times \mathbb{R}$ via the open mapping $\widetilde{U}_\mu \times \mathbb{R}^{d-n} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (\nu_- \circ p_1)^{-1}(\varepsilon)$ that sends $(\underline{v}, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_d, s)$ to (z_1, \dots, z_d, w) given by (8).

Incidentally, this shows that the open subsets $f_+(U_\mu)$ yield a quasifold atlas for $M_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$. \square

Notice that the cut spaces are examples of symplectic quotients in the quasifold setting. Symplectic reduction for quasifolds will be addressed in forthcoming work.

Consider now the open symplectic quasifolds

$$M_{\Phi_Y > \varepsilon} = \{m \in M \mid \Phi_Y(m) > \varepsilon\}$$

and

$$M_{\Phi_Y < \varepsilon} = \{m \in M \mid \Phi_Y(m) < \varepsilon\}.$$

Remark 2.4 As in standard symplectic cutting, $M_{\Phi_Y > \varepsilon}$ identifies naturally with

$$\{[m:w] \in \overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon} \mid |w| \neq 0\}$$

and is therefore open and dense in $\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$. Moreover, the difference $\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon} \setminus M_{\Phi_Y > \varepsilon}$ can be identified with the orbit space $\Phi_Y^{-1}(\varepsilon)/D^1$. Similarly, $M_{\Phi_Y < \varepsilon}$ is open and dense in $\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon}$ and the difference $\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon} \setminus M_{\Phi_Y < \varepsilon}$ can be also identified with $\Phi_Y^{-1}(\varepsilon)/D^1$.

Notice that, under the assumptions of Proposition 1.2, we have the following

Proposition 2.5

$$M_{\Phi_Y > \varepsilon} \simeq (\widetilde{M}_{\widetilde{\Phi}_Y > \varepsilon})/\Gamma \quad \text{and} \quad M_{\Phi_Y < \varepsilon} \simeq (\widetilde{M}_{\widetilde{\Phi}_Y < \varepsilon})/\Gamma.$$

Remark 2.6 It is easily shown that Φ_Y establishes a one-to-one correspondence between the fixed points of the D^1 -action on $\Phi_Y^{-1}(\varepsilon) = \Phi^{-1}(\Delta \cap H(Y, \varepsilon))$ and the vertices of Δ contained in $H(Y, \varepsilon)$. Recall that, in the classical cutting procedure, M is a manifold and D^1 is a circle S^1 which is assumed to act freely on $\Phi_Y^{-1}(\varepsilon)$; therefore the quotient $\Phi_Y^{-1}(\varepsilon)/S^1$ is a smooth manifold, and, if Y is primitive, the symplectic cuts are also smooth manifolds. Notice that, if S^1 acts freely on $\Phi_Y^{-1}(\varepsilon)$, $H(Y, \varepsilon)$ does not contain vertices of Δ . However, in our setting we only require that the cut polyhedra are n -dimensional and simple. In fact, if this is the case, even if $H(Y, \varepsilon)$ contains some vertices of Δ , the reduced space $\Phi_Y^{-1}(\varepsilon)/D^1$ and the symplectic cuts turn out to be honest quasifolds. Incidentally, this applies also to the symplectic toric manifold case: even if the circle S^1 fixes some points in the level set $\Phi_Y^{-1}(\varepsilon)$, when the cut polyhedra are Delzant, the quotient $\Phi_Y^{-1}(\varepsilon)/S^1$ and the symplectic cuts are smooth manifolds. This provides examples of Guillemin–Sternberg’s *simple critical level sets* [9], meaning level sets of Hamiltonian circle actions that are singular but give rise to smooth reduced spaces. Notice also that, under the standard assumptions, there is a reversing-orientation bundle-isomorphism between the normal bundles of the submanifold $\Phi_Y^{-1}(\varepsilon)/S^1$ in $\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$ and $\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon}$. This is not the case when the S^1 -action fixes some points in $\Phi_Y^{-1}(\varepsilon)$. In fact, let us cut the Delzant square $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ with the line $H(Y, 1)$ containing the vertices $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$. The corresponding cut spaces are both equal to \mathbb{CP}^2 and, moreover, $\Phi_Y^{-1}(1)/S^1$ is equal to \mathbb{CP}^1 ; therefore the normal bundle of $\Phi_Y^{-1}(1)/S^1$ in both cut spaces is $O(1)$. Similar remarks hold in the orbifold case.

3 Cutting the Penrose kite

Penrose tilings are a good source of significant examples of symplectic toric quasifolds [3, 4]. The Penrose kite, for example, is the simplest nonrational polytope; we show in [4, Theorem 6.1] that the corresponding quasifold is not a global quotient of a manifold modulo the action of a discrete group. As it turns out, rhombus tilings can be obtained from kite and dart tilings by cutting all kites in half (see Figure 1). It is exactly this

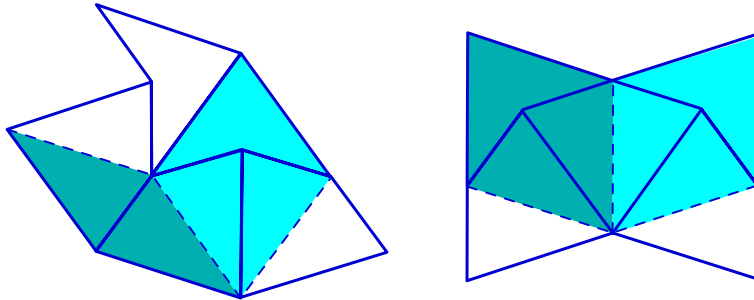


Figure 1: From kite and dart to rhombus tilings

picture that inspired us to consider symplectic cuts in the nonrational setting, including the case where the cutting hyperplane meets the vertices of Δ (cf. Remark 2.6).

Let us consider the Penrose kite Δ in Figure 2 having vertices $(0, 0)$, $\left(\frac{1}{\phi}, \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{2+\phi}}\right)$,

$\left(0, \frac{2}{\sqrt{2+\phi}}\right)$, and $\left(-\frac{1}{\phi}, \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{2+\phi}}\right)$, where $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ is the golden ratio; we recall that $\phi = \frac{1}{\phi} + 1$. The polytope Δ is quasirational with respect to the pentagonal quasilattice

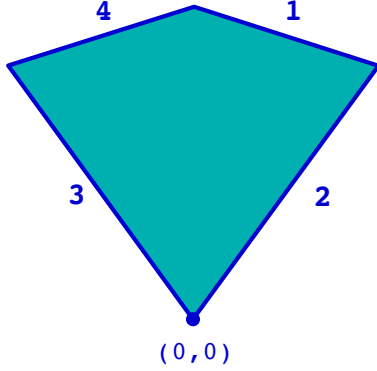
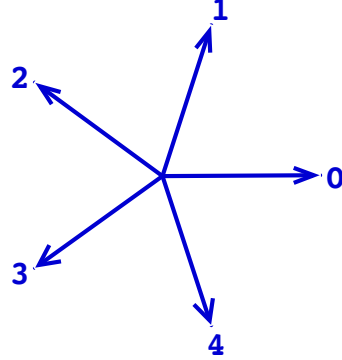


Figure 2: The kite

Figure 3: The vectors Y_0, Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4

Q in \mathbb{R}^2 spanned by the vectors

$$\begin{cases} Y_0 = (1, 0) \\ Y_1 = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{\phi}, \sqrt{2+\phi}) \\ Y_2 = \frac{1}{2}(-\phi, \frac{1}{\phi}\sqrt{2+\phi}) \\ Y_3 = \frac{1}{2}(-\phi, -\frac{1}{\phi}\sqrt{2+\phi}) \\ Y_4 = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{\phi}, -\sqrt{2+\phi}) \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

(see Figure 3). In fact,

$$\Delta = \cap_{j=1}^4 \{\lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^2)^* \mid \langle \lambda, X_j \rangle \geq \lambda_j\},$$

where $X_1 = -Y_1$, $X_2 = Y_2$, $X_3 = -Y_3$, $X_4 = Y_4$, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_4 = -1$, and $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$. By applying the generalized Delzant procedure (see Theorem 1.1) to Δ we obtain

$$M = \frac{\{(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \in \mathbb{C}^4 \mid \phi|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + \phi|z_3|^2 = \phi, -|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + \phi|z_4|^2 = \phi - 1\}}{\{\exp_{T^4}(s - (\phi - 1)t, (\phi - 1)(s + t), s, t) \mid s, t \in \mathbb{R}\}}. \quad (10)$$

We now cut the kite Δ with the line $H(Y_0, 0) = \{\lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^2)^* \mid \langle \lambda, Y_0 \rangle = 0\}$ (see Figure 4). Notice that $\Lambda = \exp_{S^1}(\phi\mathbb{Z})$. Consider the actions of D^1 on $M \times \mathbb{C}/\Lambda$:

$$\exp_{D^1}(t) \cdot ([z_1 : z_2 : z_3 : z_4], [w]) = \left(\left[e^{-2\pi i \frac{t}{\phi}} z_1 : e^{-2\pi i t} z_2 : z_3 : z_4 \right], \left[e^{\mp 2\pi i t} w \right] \right).$$

The corresponding moment mappings are:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{\mp}([z], [w]) &= \Phi_Y([z]) \mp |w|^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{\phi}(|z_1|^2 - 1) - |z_2|^2 \mp |w|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by definition, the cut spaces are given by:

$$\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq 0} = \left\{ ([z], [w]) \in M \times \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \mid |z_1|^2 + \phi|z_2|^2 + \phi|w|^2 = 1 \right\} / D^1$$

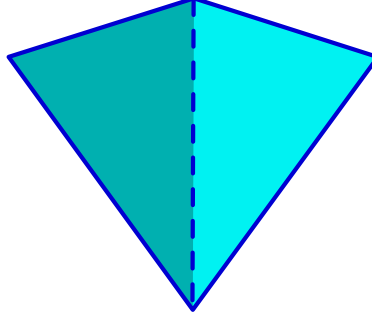


Figure 4: The cut kite

and

$$\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \leq 0} = \left\{ ([z], [w]) \in M \times \mathbb{C}/\Lambda \mid \phi|z_3|^2 + |z_4|^2 + \phi|w|^2 = 1 \right\} / D^1.$$

By Theorem 2.3, they can be identified with the following quasifold, which corresponds, by the generalized Delzant procedure, to both the right and left triangle

$$M_{0+} = M_{0-} = \frac{\left\{ (u_1, u_2, u_3) \in \mathbb{C}^3 \mid |u_1|^2 + \phi|u_2|^2 + \phi|u_3|^2 = 1 \right\}}{\left\{ \exp((\phi - 1)s, s + k\phi, s) \in T^3 \mid s \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}}.$$

4 Nonrational symplectic blow-ups

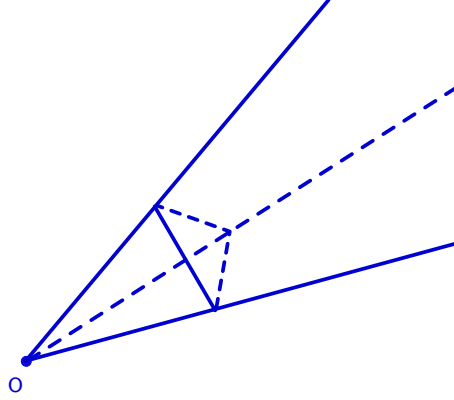
The symplectic blow-up is a special case of the symplectic cut in the following sense. Let us consider an n -dimensional simple pointed polyhedron $\Delta \subset (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ that is quasirational with respect to a quasilattice Q . Then $\Delta = \cap_{j=1}^d \{\lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \mid \langle \lambda, X_j \rangle \geq \lambda_j\}$, with inward pointing normal vectors $\{X_1, \dots, X_d\}$ in Q . Let us apply the generalized Delzant construction to Δ with respect to $\{X_1, \dots, X_d\}$ and let M be the corresponding symplectic quasifold. Let $p \in M$ be a fixed point for the D^n -action and let $\nu = \Phi(p)$ be the corresponding vertex. A blow-up of M of an ε -amount at the fixed point p is the symplectic cut $\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$, where $Y \in Q$ and $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ are chosen so that Δ_{ε^-} has the combinatorial type of a simplex. By Remark 2.4, this is consistent with McDuff's approach to symplectic blow-ups [13]. The following example provides the local model for blow-ups:

Example 4.1 We consider a simple n -dimensional convex polyhedral cone \mathcal{C} in $(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ with apex at the origin, and we assume that it is quasirational with respect to a quasilattice Q (see Figure 5). Then

$$\mathcal{C} = \cap_{j=1}^n \{\lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^* \mid \langle \lambda, X_j \rangle \geq 0\},$$

with inward pointing normal vectors $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ in Q . Let us apply the generalized Delzant procedure. In this case the projection

$$\begin{aligned} \pi : \mathbb{R}^n &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ e_j &\longmapsto X_j \end{aligned}$$

Figure 5: The simple convex polyhedral cone \mathcal{C}

induces a group epimorphism

$$\Pi: T^n = \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n \longrightarrow D^n = \mathbb{R}^n / Q.$$

Here $N = \text{Ker}(\Pi)$ is the discrete group

$$\Gamma = \left\{ (e^{2\pi i x_1}, \dots, e^{2\pi i x_n}) \in T^n \mid \sum_{j=1}^n x_j X_j \in Q \right\}.$$

Recall that $D^n \simeq T^n / \Gamma$. The moment mapping with respect to the induced D^n -action on \mathbb{C}^n / Γ is given by

$$\Phi([z]) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j |z_j|^2,$$

where $\alpha_j = (\pi^*)^{-1}(e_j^*)$, $j = 1, \dots, n$, is the basis of $(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ dual to the basis $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$. The image of Φ is the cone \mathcal{C} itself. Let

$$\text{int}(\mathcal{C}^*) = \{X \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \langle \alpha_j, X \rangle > 0, j = 1, \dots, n\}$$

and let $Y \in \text{int}(\mathcal{C}^*) \cap Q$. Let us now cut the cone \mathcal{C} with the hyperplane $H(Y, \varepsilon)$. Since $Y = \sum_{j=1}^n \langle \alpha_j, Y \rangle X_j$, we have that

$$\Lambda = \{e^{2\pi i \tau} \in S^1 \mid \tau Y \in Q\} = \left\{ e^{2\pi i \tau} \in S^1 \mid \sum_{j=1}^n \tau \langle \alpha_j, Y \rangle X_j \in Q \right\}$$

and that the actions of D^1 on $(\mathbb{C}^n / \Gamma) \times (\mathbb{C} / \Lambda)$ are given by

$$\exp_{D^1}(t) \cdot ([z_1 : \dots : z_n], [w]) = \left([e^{2\pi i t \langle \alpha_1, Y \rangle} z_1 : \dots : e^{2\pi i t \langle \alpha_n, Y \rangle} z_n], [e^{\mp 2\pi i t} w] \right).$$

Then the cut spaces are

$$(\overline{\mathbb{C}^n / \Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon} = \left\{ ([z], [w]) \in (\mathbb{C}^n / \Gamma) \times (\mathbb{C} / \Lambda) \mid \sum_{j=1}^n \langle \alpha_j, Y \rangle |z_j|^2 - |w|^2 = \varepsilon \right\} / D^1$$

and

$$(\overline{\mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon} = \left\{ ([z], [w]) \in (\mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma) \times (\mathbb{C}/\Lambda) \mid \sum_{j=1}^n \langle \alpha_j, Y \rangle |z_j|^2 + |w|^2 = \varepsilon \right\} / D^1.$$

In particular, the quasifold $(\overline{\mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$ is the symplectic blow-up of \mathbb{C}^n/Γ at the origin of an ε -amount. By Theorem 2.3, $(\overline{\mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$ and $(\overline{\mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon}$ can be identified with the symplectic toric quasifolds

$$(\mathbb{C}^n/\Gamma)_{\varepsilon^\pm} = \left\{ \underline{u} \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \mid \sum_{j=1}^n \langle \alpha_j, Y \rangle |u_j|^2 \mp |u_{n+1}|^2 = \varepsilon \right\} / N_{\varepsilon^\pm}$$

where

$$N_{\varepsilon^\pm} = \{ (\gamma_1 e^{2\pi i \theta \langle \alpha_1, Y \rangle}, \dots, \gamma_n e^{2\pi i \theta \langle \alpha_n, Y \rangle}, e^{\mp 2\pi i \theta}) \in T^{n+1} \mid \gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n) \in \Gamma, \theta \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

The key point here is to notice that $e^{2\pi i \tau} \in \Lambda$ if, and only if, $(e^{2\pi i \tau \langle \alpha_1, Y \rangle}, \dots, e^{2\pi i \tau \langle \alpha_n, Y \rangle}) \in \Gamma$.

Example 4.2 As a special case of the previous example, let \mathcal{C} be the positive quadrant in $(\mathbb{R}^2)^*$. Notice that

$$\mathcal{C} = \{ \lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^2)^* \mid \langle \lambda, e_1 \rangle \geq 0 \} \cap \{ \lambda \in (\mathbb{R}^2)^* \mid \langle \lambda, e_2 \rangle \geq 0 \}.$$

Then, if Q is a quasilattice containing \mathbb{Z}^2 , the cone \mathcal{C} is quasirational with respect to Q . In this case the quasitorus $D^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/Q$ acts on \mathbb{C}^2/Γ with moment mapping $\Phi([z]) = (|z_1|^2, |z_2|^2)$. Let us now cut the cone \mathcal{C} with the line $H(Y, \varepsilon)$, with $Y = (1, 1)$

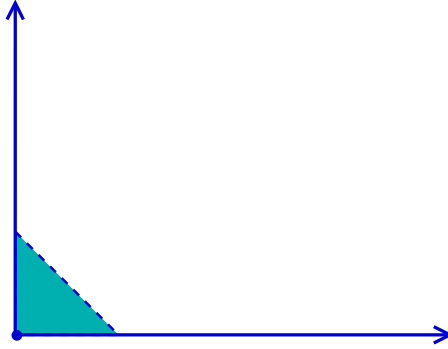


Figure 6: Blowing up the origin in \mathbb{C}^2/Γ

and $\varepsilon > 0$ (see Figure 6). We obtain the two cut spaces

$$(\overline{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon} = \left\{ ([z], [w]) \in (\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma) \times (\mathbb{C}/\Lambda) \mid |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 = |w|^2 + \varepsilon \right\} / D^1$$

and

$$(\overline{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon} = \left\{ ([z], [w]) \in (\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma) \times (\mathbb{C}/\Lambda) \mid |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + |w|^2 = \varepsilon \right\} / D^1.$$

The first quotient is the blow-up at the origin of \mathbb{C}^2/Γ of an ε -amount. The quasisphere

$$S^2/\Lambda = \{|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 = \varepsilon\}/D^1$$

is naturally embedded in both spaces as the set of classes with $w = 0$. By Theorem 2.3, $(\overline{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$ and $(\overline{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon}$ can be identified with the symplectic toric quasifolds

$$(\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma)_{\varepsilon^\pm} = \left\{ \underline{u} \in \mathbb{C}^3 \mid |u_1|^2 + |u_2|^2 \mp |u_3|^2 = \varepsilon \right\} / N_{\varepsilon^\pm}$$

where

$$N_{\varepsilon^\pm} = \{(\gamma_1 e^{2\pi i \theta}, \gamma_2 e^{2\pi i \theta}, e^{\mp 2\pi i \theta}) \in T^3 \mid \gamma = (\gamma_1, \gamma_2) \in \Gamma, \theta \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

From this one deduces, in particular, that $(\overline{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \leq 1} \simeq \mathbb{C}P^2/\Gamma$.

5 Cutting and blowing up in arbitrary directions

Let \tilde{Q} be a quasilattice in \mathbb{R}^n and let $\Delta \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ be an n -dimensional simple pointed polyhedron that is quasirational with respect to \tilde{Q} . Consider the symplectic toric quasifold \tilde{M} corresponding to $(\Delta, \tilde{Q}, \{X_1, \dots, X_d\})$. We would like to be able to cut Δ with a hyperplane $H(Y, \varepsilon)$, where $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is no longer necessarily in Q ; the only remaining requirement is that the cut polytopes are n -dimensional and simple. The idea is to consider the new quasilattice $Q = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\tilde{Q} \cup Y)$ and to apply the generalized Delzant procedure to $(\Delta, Q, \{X_1, \dots, X_d\})$. Then we cut the corresponding quasifold M ; this is now allowed since $Y \in Q$. By Proposition 1.2, we have that $M \simeq \tilde{M}/\Gamma$. Moreover, by Proposition 2.5, $(\tilde{M}_{\tilde{\Phi}_Y > \varepsilon})/\Gamma$ embeds as an open dense subset of $\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$, while $(\tilde{M}_{\tilde{\Phi}_Y < \varepsilon})/\Gamma$ embeds as an open dense subset of $\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon}$. It is therefore natural to define $\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$ and $\overline{M}_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon}$ as cut spaces for the quasifold \tilde{M} as well. We conclude by applying this procedure to a simple, yet representative example.

Example 5.1 (Cutting \mathbb{C}^2 in an arbitrary direction) Let us consider again the positive quadrant \mathcal{C} of Example 4.2. The cone \mathcal{C} is obviously rational with respect to the lattice \mathbb{Z}^2 and the symplectic toric manifold corresponding to $(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{Z}^2, \{e_1, e_2\})$ is \mathbb{C}^2 with the standard Hamiltonian action of $T^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$.

Consider now two positive real numbers s, t such that $\frac{s}{t} \notin \mathbb{Q}$. We cut the positive quadrant \mathcal{C} with the line $H(Y, \varepsilon)$, where $Y = (s, t)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ (see Figure 7). Let us consider the quasilattice $Q = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\mathbb{Z}^2 \cup Y)$ and let us apply the generalized Delzant procedure to $(\mathcal{C}, Q, \{e_1, e_2\})$. The corresponding quasifold is $M = \mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma$, where the action of $\Gamma = \exp_{T^2}(Q)$ on \mathbb{C}^2 is given by

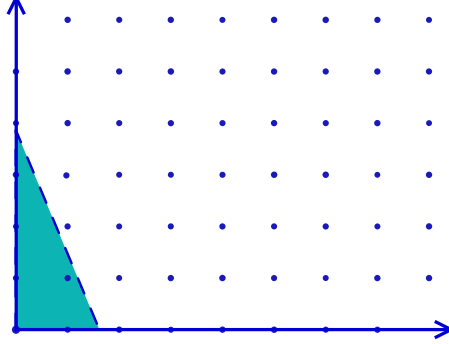
$$(e^{2\pi i l s}, e^{2\pi i l t}) \cdot (z_1, z_2) = (e^{2\pi i l s} z_1, e^{2\pi i l t} z_2), \quad l \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Since $\frac{s}{t} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ it is easily verified that Λ is trivial and that $D^1 \simeq S^1$ acts on $(\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma) \times \mathbb{C}$ as follows

$$\exp_{D^1}(\sigma) \cdot ([z_1 : z_2], w) = \left([e^{2\pi i s \sigma} z_1 : e^{2\pi i t \sigma} z_2], e^{\mp 2\pi i \sigma} w \right).$$

We obtain therefore the two cut spaces:

$$(\overline{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon} = \left\{ ([z], w) \in (\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma) \times \mathbb{C} \mid s|z_1|^2 + t|z_2|^2 = |w|^2 + \varepsilon \right\} / D^1$$

Figure 7: An arbitrary cut of \mathbb{C}^2

$$(\overline{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon} = \left\{ ([z], w) \in (\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma) \times \mathbb{C} \mid s|z_1|^2 + t|z_2|^2 + |w|^2 = \varepsilon \right\} / D^1.$$

The open subsets

$$\{(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid s|z_1|^2 + t|z_2|^2 > \varepsilon\} / \Gamma$$

and

$$\{(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid s|z_1|^2 + t|z_2|^2 < \varepsilon\} / \Gamma$$

embed as open subsets in $(\overline{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$ and $(\overline{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon}$ respectively. By Theorem 2.3 $(\overline{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \geq \varepsilon}$ and $(\overline{\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma})_{\Phi_Y \leq \varepsilon}$ can be identified with the symplectic toric quasifolds

$$(\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma)_{\varepsilon^\pm} = \frac{\left\{ \underline{u} \in \mathbb{C}^3 \mid s|u_1|^2 + t|u_2|^2 \mp |u_3|^2 = \varepsilon \right\}}{\{(e^{2\pi i s \theta}, e^{2\pi i t \theta}, e^{\mp 2\pi i \theta}) \in T^3 \mid \theta \in \mathbb{R}\}}.$$

The quotient $(\mathbb{C}^2/\Gamma)_{\varepsilon^-}$ is the natural generalization, in the quasifold setting, of the complex projective space $\mathbb{C}P^2$ (it is the *projective quasispaces* of [15, Example 3.6]).

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